

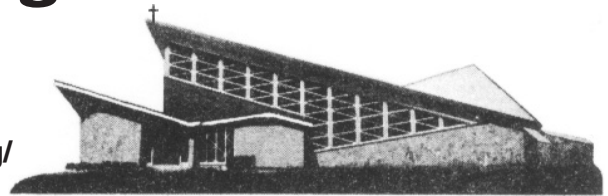
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon – Fri 9 a.m. - 12 noon
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Evening Reception

Tues & Wed.
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY LITURGY — Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
SPANISH MASS — Sunday 2:00 p.m.
WEEKDAY MASSES — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:20 a.m.
 Wednesday (Rosary at 6:30 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

On first Friday of each month
 following morning mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION — Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. By appointment any time.

PARISH REGISTRATION — All parishioners especially those who live outside our parish boundaries are expected to complete a Parish Registration form and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. This will greatly assist the Parish Team when parishioners request sacraments, funerals or letters of reference.

N.B. — When parishioners move you are asked to notify the parish office.

INFANT BAPTISMS — Two Sundays per month at 4:00 p.m. Contact the parish office at least two months in advance of the birth of their child. Parents are obliged to participate in our baptismal preparation program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE — The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course.

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM — Children attending public, private or alternative school are required to participate in this program from grade 1 - 7 in order to prepare to receive the sacraments.

VISITATION OF THE SICK — Please notify the Rectory when a member of your family is in the hospital.

BULLETIN DEADLINE — Monday 9:00 a.m. in writing or by e-mail.

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Parish Prayer Group	Klara Bari	905-668-9579
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Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday has been declared by Pope Francis as the Sunday on the Word of God. We are called to reflect on the importance of God's word for our lives. It is in the Word of God that we find nourishment for our souls, and we also receive an answer to understand God's will for us in our daily events. The First Reading, from the book of Nehemiah, brings us the account of the proclamation of the Law to the people of Israel. They have been in exile because of their infidelity to keep the covenant with God. When they come back to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple, the covenant with God is renewed and the Law is proclaimed to the people as a sign that God wants to enter into a new relationship with them. The people are very much moved that God is faithful in spite of their sins, and they promise to keep the commandments of the Law. Every time that we listen to the Word of God is an occasion that God wants to renew our lives. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, gives us the image of the human body as a representation of the Christian community. As in the human body, each member is necessary to its proper functioning, the same happens in our parish community, each parishioner with his/her own gifts is needed for the proper functioning of the Christian community. The Gospel, from St. Luke, gives us the account of the visit of Christ to the synagogue of Nazareth. Every Jewish adult who went to the synagogue was called to give an interpretation of a text from the prophets that was read before. Jesus Christ proclaims a text from Isaiah on which it announces that someone has been sent by the Lord to proclaim the good news to the poor, to bring release to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and to proclaim salvation to everybody. What is astonishing is that the Lord says that this prophecy has been fulfilled in Him. Through His ministry, these words became a reality in the lives of the peoples. The implication for us is that whenever the word of God is proclaimed in the assembly is accomplished in our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. At times, we have the risk to understand the word of God as something disconnected with our lives and as a nice story. However, the Word of God has to do with our lives and Christ wants to accomplish it and through it we receive new life. Let us open our hearts to the power of God's word in our lives and let Christ fulfill its saving promise of new life in us!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Upcoming Bible Study

Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

By Jeff Cavins

**Monday evenings February 25 to March 31, 2025
7pm Parish Centre Main Room**

Cost \$35

**Please call the office 905-668-3676 or email us
stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org to register.**

Celebrate the Year of Jubilee and Elevation of Cardinal Leo – Regional Eucharistic Celebrations with Cardinal Leo & Auxiliary Bishops

All are welcome to attend Regional Masses that will be held throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto in the coming days.

There will be two groups of Masses – one Mass in each of the four regions of the archdiocese will launch the Jubilee Year and also provide an opportunity to give thanks for the elevation of Frank Cardinal Leo to the College of Cardinals. At these Eucharistic celebrations, Cardinal Leo will preside. Other celebrations will take place at the remaining pilgrim churches in each of the four regions of the archdiocese to launch the Jubilee Year. At these Eucharistic celebrations, the Auxiliary Bishop with pastoral responsibility for the region will preside.

Please note, for those interested in obtaining a Jubilee indulgence, requirements include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass and offering prayers for the intention of the Holy Father. Confessions will be offered at least one hour prior to all celebrations noted below – all Masses will begin at 7:00 p.m.

JOIN US AT ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH 194 SIMCOE ST. N, OSHAWA WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29TH AT 7PM **NO MASS AT ST. JOHN'S ON JAN 29TH**

Due to the special Jubilee Celebration Mass at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Oshawa, there is no mass at St. John's on January 29th, as Fr. Francisco will attend mass at St. Gregory's celebrated by Bishop Nguyen. Confessions will begin at 5:30pm and a plenary indulgence is possible. All are welcome!

FIRST COMMUNION

Rite of Enrolment

**February 1st @ 5pm,
or February 2nd @ 9am or 11am**

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Preparation Classes

Saturday January 25th

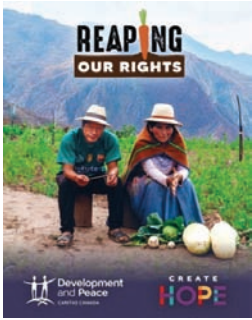
Saturday March 1st

Saturday March 29th

Please refer to the Sacrament schedule for session times

DPCC Reaping Our Rights Campaign

Together, let's support peasant and rural communities!



Across the Global South, peasant and rural communities have fought hard to assert their rights to land, water, seeds, food sovereignty, a healthy environment and more.

But how can they protect these rights when a powerful foreign corporation shows up in their

region, intent on extracting resources, and indifferent to polluting the environment?

Together, let's call on Canada to adopt mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation so that no Canadian company can trample on peasants' rights. If you were not able to sign a card or petition page today or wish to invite family or friends to participate in this campaign, go to signing our campaign letter at devp.org/act!

Thank you from our partners in the Global South for your continued support and financial help.



All youth of the parish are invited to participate in the next Youth Mass at 11:00 am on February 9th.

Lectors: Gr. 7-12, Procession of Gifts: Gr. 1-7, Ushers: Gr. 1-12

Youth choir (Grade 5-12) practices have begun. Please contact the parish office for more information or to join!



Masses For The Week

Sat Jan 25- 5:00pm

+Carrol Fernandes
req. by Sophie Pereira

Mon Jan 27 -8:20am

+Usaffe Sonny Costa
req. by Kenneth & Brinna Makalintal

Tues Jan 28 - 8:20am

Int. for Giselle & Family
req. by Mary Yearwood

Wed Jan 29 - 7:00pm NO MASS

Join us at St. Gregory the Great, Oshawa,
celebrated by Bishop Nguyen

Thur Jan 30- 8:20am

Int. for Gerard & Family
req. by Mary Yearwood

Fri Jan 31 - 8:20am

+Rodolfo Javier Jr.
req. by The Manahan Family



Thank you from Society of St. Vincent de Paul - 2024

As we enter 2025, we reflect on the continuing generosity of all our donors in the parish and parish schools. **Thank you** for your generosity enabling us to serve 150 families with 256 adults and 172 children over Christmas.

As well, in 2024, we served 670 families including 1,130 adults 87 pre-school children, 299 grade school children, and 148 teens

Total number of people 1,920
Total spent in vouchers \$50,527 over the year including Christmas

With food insecurity increasing overall, we received overwhelming support of cash donations and food brought in from Parish schools including St. John, St. Luke and St. Marguerite, and All Saints CSS, along with St. Theresa and St. Bridget schools. This will keep us well stocked well into the Spring. Our cup overflows and it's all because of YOU!

Marriage Sunday February 9, 2025 @2:30pm
Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond St. Toronto. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the mass. Couples celebrating special anniversaries are required to register for reserved seating, so please register early. Go to www.archtoronto.org/marriage for registration and details.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Our next Marriage Preparation Course at St. John the Evangelist will begin on Monday nights, April 7, 2025 to May 12, 2025 from 7pm to 9pm. Call 668-3676 to register. Cost is \$300 per couple.

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